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10 Cheryl E. Pasteur

11 Lily P. Rowe

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Good evening, and with

3 a quorum participating, I now call to order the

4 meeting of the Board of Education of Baltimore

5 County for Tuesday, March 24th, 2020.

6 In accordance with the mandated

7 direction of the State Superintendent, Baltimore

8 County Public Schools and offices are currently

9 closed in order to maintain the health and safety

10 of our students and staff. As a result,

11 tonight's Board of Education meeting is being

12 held remotely and broadcast through livestream on

13 the BCPS website, bcps.org, or on BCPS-TV,

14 Comcast Xfinity channel 73, or Verizon FiOS

15 channel 34.

16 The first item on the agenda is the

17 agenda. Dr. Williams, are there any additions or

18 changes to tonight's agenda?

19 DR. WILLIAMS: There are no changes or

20 additions to tonight's agenda.

21 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Hearing

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1 none, the agenda stands as presented.

2 Earlier this evening the Board met in

3 closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act

4 for the following reasons. To one, discuss the

5 appointments, employment, assignments,

6 promotions, discipline, demotions, compensation,

7 removal, resignation or performance evaluation of

8 appointees, employees or officials over whom it

9 has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter

10 that affects one or more specific individuals.

11 And seven, consult with counsel to obtain legal

12 advice. The minutes of the closed session and

13 informational summary can be found on our website

14 at www.bcps.org/board/informational/summaries.html.

15 The next matter on the agenda is

16 personnel. For that we call forward Mr. McCall

17 to present the personnel matters.

18 MR. MCCALL: Good evening, Chairwoman

19 Causey, Vice Chairwoman Henn, Superintendent

20 Williams, members of the Board. I would like the

21 Board's consent for the following personnel

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1 matters: Retirement, resignations, deceased,
 2 recognition of service.
 3 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Do I have a motion to
 4 approve the personnel matters as presented in
 5 Exhibit C-1 through C-3?
 6 MS. MACK: So moved, Lisa Mack.
 7 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Do I have a second?
 8 VICE CHAIR HENN: Second, Julie Henn.
 9 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Is there
 10 any discussion? Hearing none, may I have a roll
 11 call vote please?
 12 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?
 13 MR. KUEHN: Yes.
 14 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 15 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 16 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 17 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 18 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 19 MR. RESHID: Yes.
 20 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 21 VICE CHAIR HENN: Yes.

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1 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?
 2 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 3 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose?
 4 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 5 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 6 MR. MCMILLION: Yes.
 7 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?
 8 MS. MACK: Yes.
 9 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 10 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 11 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 12 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 13 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: The motion carries.
 14 Thank you, Mr. McCall.
 15 The next item on the agenda is new
 16 business, administrative appointments, and for
 17 that we call on Dr. Williams.
 18 DR. WILLIAMS: Madam Chair and members
 19 of the Board, I would like to bring forward for
 20 your approval the following administrative
 21 appointments: Principal of Church Lane

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1 Elementary School; Principal of Sollers Point
 2 Technical High School; and Chief Administrative
 3 and Operations Officer in the Division of
 4 Business Services.
 5 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Do I have a motion to
 6 approve the administrative appointments as
 7 presented in the updated Exhibit D-1?
 8 MS. MACK: So move, Lisa Mack.
 9 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Do I have a second?
 10 VICE CHAIR HENN: Second, Julie Henn.
 11 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Board
 12 members, is there any discussion? May I have a
 13 roll call vote please?
 14 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?
 15 MR. KUEHN: Yes.
 16 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 17 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 18 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 19 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 20 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 21 MR. RESHID: Yes.

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1 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 2 MS. HENN: Yes.
 3 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?
 4 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 5 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose?
 6 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 7 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 8 MR. MCMILLION: Yes.
 9 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?
 10 MS. MACK: Yes.
 11 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 12 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 13 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 14 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 15 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you.
 16 DR. WILLIAMS: Our first candidate is
 17 Tammi Coit, Principal of Church Lane Elementary
 18 School. Currently she's the assistant principal
 19 at Dogwood Elementary School. She has previous
 20 experience in Baltimore City up to ten years, and
 21 we want to congratulate Ms. Coit as the new

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1 principal of Church Lane Elementary.
 2 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, congratulations.
 3 DR. WILLIAMS: Our next candidate is
 4 Kathleen Setzer as the principal of Sollers Point
 5 Technical High School. Currently she is the
 6 assistant principal of Patapsco High School and
 7 prior to that she served as the assistant
 8 principal at Perry Hall High School. She brings
 9 a wealth of experience close to 15, over 15 years
 10 of experience in Baltimore County Public Schools.
 11 Congratulations, Ms. Setzer.
 12 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, congratulations.
 13 DR. WILLIAMS: And our final candidate,
 14 Brian Scriven, Dr. Scriven, as the Chief
 15 Administrative and Operations Officer. Currently
 16 he's serving as the acting chief administrative
 17 and operations officer. Prior to this position
 18 he served as the executive director of school
 19 support. He also worked in Montgomery County for
 20 five years and served in Baltimore County Public
 21 Schools as a principal, assistant principal and

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1 teacher, close to 22.6 years of experience.
 2 Congratulations, Dr. Scriven.
 3 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, congratulations.
 4 Thank you, Dr. Williams.
 5 The next item on the agenda is new
 6 business, board policies. Members of the Board,
 7 the policy review committee asks the Board to
 8 accept this report of the committee's approved
 9 proposed change to the following board policies:
 10 Policy 5540, alcoholic beverages, controlled
 11 substances, intoxicants, prescription and
 12 nonprescription drugs; Policy 5551, gangs, gang
 13 activity and similar destructive or illegal group
 14 behavior; and Policy 5580, bullying,
 15 cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation.
 16 These recommendations are presented to
 17 you on tonight's agenda as Exhibit E. Do I have
 18 a motion to accept the recommendation of the
 19 Board's policy review committee?
 20 MS. PASTEUR: So moved, Pasteur.
 21 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you,

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1 Ms. Pasteur. No second is needed since the
 2 recommendation comes from the committee. Is
 3 there any discussion? May I have a roll call
 4 vote please?
 5 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?
 6 MR. KUEHN: Yes.
 7 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 8 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 9 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 10 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 11 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 12 MR. RESHID: Yes.
 13 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 14 MS. HENN: Yes.
 15 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?
 16 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 17 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose?
 18 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 19 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 20 MR. MCMILLION: Yes.
 21 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?

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1 MS. MACK: Yes.
 2 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 3 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 4 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 5 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. The next
 7 item on the agenda is item F, public comment.
 8 Because the Board is meeting remotely for today's
 9 meeting, only written public comments can be
 10 accepted. Comments may be emailed to
 11 boe@bcps.org and these comments will be
 12 distributed to the Board of Education members.
 13 The members of the Board appreciate
 14 hearing from interested citizens. As
 15 appropriate, we will refer your concerns to the
 16 Superintendent for followup by his staff.
 17 Additionally, public comments for Board
 18 Policies 5540, 5551 and 5580 have been accepted
 19 on line and may be submitted for the appropriate
 20 policy on the BCPS web page under policies and
 21 rules, policies available for public comment

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1 link, or they may be sent to boe@bcps.org. The
 2 links for these sites have been available in
 3 BoardDocs since March 19th, 2020.
 4 The next item on the agenda is item G,
 5 new business, contract awards. At this time I
 6 would like to call on Mr. Sarris and Mr. Dixit to
 7 present contracts G-1 through G-3.
 8 MR. DIXIT: Good evening, this is
 9 Mr. Dixit. We have three contracts for your
 10 approval. The first contract is JBO-713-20, for
 11 air conditioning in building classrooms,
 12 multipurpose rooms and cafeteria at Bedford
 13 Elementary School.
 14 The second contract is CWA-115-20, it's
 15 for air conditioning of Dulaney High School. The
 16 spaces included are classrooms, and all of the
 17 air alternates are included and I'll read it to
 18 you. There were several add-ons last year as you
 19 can see from the board exhibit, air conditioning
 20 in the cafeteria, air conditioning in the
 21 auditorium, gymnasium, wrestling rooms, weight

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1 rooms and additional ductwork in the gymnasium.
 2 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Mr. Dixit,
 3 could we go back to the Bedford Elementary School
 4 installation?
 5 MR. DIXIT: Yes.
 6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Could you also read
 7 the alternates that will be available for the
 8 school?
 9 MR. DIXIT: The alternates included for
 10 Bedford are air conditioning the multipurpose
 11 room and air conditioning the cafeteria.
 12 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Okay, thank you.
 13 Board members, are there any comments or
 14 questions related to the Bedford Elementary
 15 School installation of air conditioning?
 16 MS. PASTEUR: Yes. I couldn't
 17 understand, I had difficulty understanding
 18 Mr. Dixit. Could he repeat the things you're
 19 putting in?
 20 MR. DIXIT: Okay. The alternatives for
 21 Dulaney High School --

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1 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: No, I believe she's
 2 asking about Bedford.
 3 MS. PASTEUR: Bedford.
 4 MR. DIXIT: Okay. The Bedford, there
 5 was two added alternates in addition to
 6 classrooms, that is multipurpose room and
 7 cafeteria, so both of those spaces and classrooms
 8 will be included.
 9 MS. PASTEUR: Thank you, Mr. Dixit, it
 10 was the classrooms that I missed hearing. Thank
 11 you.
 12 MR. DIXIT: Do you have any questions on
 13 Dulaney High School?
 14 MR. MCMILLION: Going back to --
 15 MR. DIXIT: Did I hear a question?
 16 MR. MCMILLION: I'm asking Mrs. Causey
 17 if I can have a question.
 18 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, Mr. McMillion.
 19 MR. MCMILLION: Mr. Dixit, can you
 20 explain to me about Dulaney and Lansdowne money
 21 being appropriated for air conditioning when

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1 these schools, there's conversation about new
 2 buildings for these schools, so why are we
 3 talking about like \$16 million for air
 4 conditioning if there's a possibility these
 5 schools are going to be replaced in the
 6 relatively near future?
 7 MR. DIXIT: Well, there was a special
 8 state grant that was provided to us and partially
 9 funded by the county to air condition all
 10 schools, even if they were under design and are
 11 going to be replaced. As part of that
 12 initiative, we included every school that is
 13 under design and that may not have air
 14 conditioning, so the schools that I'm sharing
 15 with you today will have self contained units in
 16 classrooms under this grant.
 17 MR. MCMILLION: Okay. So when do you
 18 project the Dulaney and the Lansdowne projects to
 19 begin?
 20 MR. DIXIT: Well, with the current
 21 situation it is difficult to be absolutely

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1 accurate, but what we were hoping before this
 2 situation is that by September or before of 2021,
 3 they will have air conditioning in these spaces.
 4 MR. MCMILLION: You will have them
 5 completed by '21?
 6 MR. DIXIT: That's correct.
 7 MR. MCMILLION: That just, I'm confused
 8 about the cost effectiveness of this. If we're
 9 talking \$16 million, are we then going to turn
 10 around, and I realize that a high school takes
 11 from design to finish five years. Is that what
 12 we're looking at, is that we're going to air
 13 condition these schools for five years and then,
 14 you know, then we move into the new schools
 15 possibly? How far down the road are we talking
 16 about here?
 17 MR. DIXIT: Well, I cannot tell you the
 18 timeframe for the new schools because there are
 19 no construction funds approved for, you know, for
 20 the Dulaney High School, so from the planning to
 21 the final construction, it may take anyplace from

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1 five to seven years, so the question we have in
 2 front of us, do we leave these schools non air
 3 conditioned for that length of time. And because
 4 of all of that, the state under the Healthy
 5 School Grant provided funds, the county put in
 6 its share to air condition these schools, and the
 7 board chair is very much familiar with that
 8 process.
 9 MS. MACK: Mr. Dixit, this is Lisa Mack.
 10 Ms. Causey, may I ask a question?
 11 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes.
 12 MS. MACK: Mr. Dixit, again, I know you
 13 don't have a crystal ball, but five to seven
 14 years is your best guess estimate, right, it
 15 could be longer that the schools would be without
 16 air conditioning?
 17 MR. DIXIT: That's true.
 18 MS. MACK: So while I agree with
 19 Mr. McMillion that it's a lot of money for
 20 schools that are going to be replaced, there's a
 21 lot of years where kids would be going to schools

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1 without air conditioning, and you know, I think
 2 it's money well spent, so thank you for that
 3 update, Mr. Dixit.
 4 MS. JOSE: Mrs. Causey, I have a
 5 question.
 6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes.
 7 MS. JOSE: Mr. Dixit, in doing this I
 8 looked at several alternatives and just the base
 9 system. Is there an option for us to just get
 10 the base system and skip the alternatives to keep
 11 the costs down? Because Mr. McMillion is right,
 12 that's a lot of money that's going into upgrading
 13 air conditioning for schools that are going to be
 14 demolished. And going by the fact that they are
 15 in design right now, between design and
 16 construction there may be seven to eight years,
 17 and I recognize that, but \$16 million is a lot of
 18 money for a school district like ours, and is it
 19 possible to lower the cost by taking some of the
 20 alternatives for Lansdowne and Dulaney, if they
 21 could bank the \$8 or \$9 million along with the

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1 contingency amount of ten percent which is not
 2 that high, but that's a lot of money. And I just
 3 have concern about spending almost \$16 million
 4 out there for air conditioning that's going to be
 5 ripped down in seven years.
 6 MR. DIXIT: Well, we don't know whether
 7 it's seven years or five years or nine years. As
 8 you know, we are in the process of developing a
 9 multiyear plan for all schools, and when you
 10 consider all the needs and all of the funding
 11 that's going to be available, any timeframe is
 12 not starting, we don't know at this point.
 13 And also, I would like to refresh the
 14 memories that there was a large concern in the
 15 community for schools that are not air
 16 conditioned, so this initiative is very much
 17 geared because of the community picture, because
 18 of the big one.
 19 MS. JOSE: Mr. Dixit, I get that the
 20 community, but the community I don't think is
 21 aware of the fiscal impact and I think that is

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1 where my concern is, when, you know, you go to
 2 people and they ask for things when they're not
 3 aware of what the fiscal impact is, and if the
 4 community would, you know, change based on seeing
 5 the \$16 million.

6 And I also get the fact that it is in
 7 design. When something is designed and you spend
 8 this amount of money in design, if it sits on the
 9 shelf that whole design will be redundant if it
 10 just sits there for five or ten years going from
 11 preliminary to construction because of all the
 12 funds that are required, and so there is that
 13 redundancy and waste of taxpayer dollars there as
 14 well.

15 So my concern here is how are we going
 16 to make sure there's a fiscally responsible use
 17 of taxpayer dollars and how do we make sure that
 18 something that's designed, from what you're
 19 saying is not just put on the shelf. And that
 20 happens a lot as well, we design it and then
 21 don't have construction dollars. So -- and I

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1 know I'm asking you questions you probably don't
 2 have the answers for because I'm just thinking
 3 out loud, and I think this is something the board
 4 members need to be aware of, just fiscally.

5 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Mr. Dixit, can you
 6 speak to the design process for the contracts
 7 that are in front of us for Bedford Elementary
 8 School, Lansdowne High School and Dulaney High
 9 School?

10 MR. DIXIT: Do you mean for the design
 11 of the school or for design of this air
 12 conditioning initiative that we are talking
 13 about?

14 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: The design of the air
 15 conditioning initiative, the contracts that we
 16 will be voting on shortly.

17 MR. DIXIT: All of the design is
 18 complete and after the design is complete, it is
 19 contracted space, and what you are seeing is the
 20 results of the bids.

21 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: And so who did the

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1 design work?

2 MR. DIXIT: There were three different
 3 design companies that were involved in the
 4 design. I don't have the names of the design
 5 companies in front of me.

6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Okay.

7 MS. MACK: Ms. Causey, may I ask a
 8 question?

9 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, Ms. Mack.

10 MS. MACK: Mr. Dixit, is there, are
 11 there parts of the systems that you will be
 12 installing in these schools that can be reused in
 13 another capacity in other schools, like the
 14 compressor or you know, whatever the parts of the
 15 air conditioning systems are that will be put in
 16 these three schools, is there anything that can
 17 be reused elsewhere in a different or same
 18 capacity?

19 MR. DIXIT: That's a great question.
 20 The units that we are using in all of these three
 21 schools, they can be removed and they can be

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1 installed in other non air conditioned spaces.
 2 Now if the units have been in the schools for a
 3 long time, long time meaning ten, 15 years, it
 4 may not be cost effective to remove and reuse
 5 those units. But for example, Bedford is next on
 6 the list for construction when the funds become
 7 available, so hopefully the units that we will be
 8 using at Bedford, we should be able to use in a
 9 cost effective manner in other classroom spaces
 10 that are not air conditioned. The same is true
 11 for Lansdowne high school because the school is
 12 under design, the units that we are going to be
 13 using there, there is a good possibility that we
 14 will be able to use those units in other non air
 15 conditioned spaces in the district.

16 MS. MACK: Thank you, Mr. Dixit. So
 17 from the total cost, and this might be putting
 18 you on the spot and I apologize, but of the
 19 amount of money and given the option that we
 20 could reuse it, what percentage of the money is
 21 nonrecoverable, like maybe ductwork that we

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1 wouldn't reuse or things like that?
 2 MR. DIXIT: Yes, there is minimal of
 3 ductwork that is needed in these systems, these
 4 are pretty much self contained units, so it is
 5 difficult to pull that number out, but if you
 6 have to for the estimation, a good 30 percent of
 7 the money perhaps can be reused in other places
 8 of need where the air conditioning is needed.
 9 MS. JOSE: Mr. Dixit, did we, or your
 10 staff do a life cycle analysis of the units and
 11 value in terms of if it had a five, ten, 15-year
 12 life cycle, and what was the salvage value or
 13 scrap value at the end? Because Ms. Mack is
 14 correct, not everything is going to be reusable,
 15 there is going to be some that's going to have to
 16 be written off.
 17 MS. CAUSEY: Yes, thank you, Ms. Jose,
 18 for that question. Mr. Dixit, can you respond to
 19 Ms. Jose's question?
 20 MR. DIXIT: Yes. The question is has a
 21 life cycling study been done. No, there is no

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1 life cycling study that has been done, but by
 2 experience we know that these units have a life
 3 of anywhere from ten to 15 years. So if the unit
 4 is four, five, seven years old, it will still be
 5 cost effective to reuse it in some other location
 6 that is not air conditioned. As a system we
 7 still have a lot of non air conditioned spaces,
 8 including gyms, some classrooms and other spaces,
 9 so we can effectively use these units in those
 10 areas that are not air conditioned.
 11 Also, there is some cost of increasing
 12 the electrical load, the electrical capacity for
 13 these schools. For example, we will be
 14 increasing electrical capacity at Lansdowne and
 15 Dulaney, and that would have been needed if we
 16 put a new school there, so some of that money can
 17 be effectively used.
 18 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you, Mr. Dixit.
 19 MR. MCMILLION: Miss Causey, can I ask
 20 another question?
 21 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Just one minute,

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1 Mr. McMillion, I want to see if there are other
 2 board members who have not yet spoken who would
 3 like to make a comment. Let me just start around
 4 the dais. Mr. Kuehn?
 5 MR. KUEHN: No.
 6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Ms. Pasteur spoke
 7 already. Mr. Offerman?
 8 MR. OFFERMAN: I would like to know one
 9 thing, what the total cost of this is, and I'm
 10 assuming that the 16 million is our cost; is that
 11 correct?
 12 MR. DIXIT: No, 16 million is the total
 13 cost for these, it's these two projects that
 14 you're talking about?
 15 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 16 MR. DIXIT: So that is the total cost,
 17 state and county, which is half the county and
 18 the other half state.
 19 MR. OFFERMAN: Thank you.
 20 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Mr. Reshid?
 21 Mr. Reshid, do you have a question or a comment

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1 related to the three contracts?
 2 MR. RESHID: No, I do not.
 3 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Ms. Henn?
 4 MS. HENN: Just one comment. I'm
 5 thankful for the supplemental budget for these
 6 projects from the state being matched and look
 7 forward to seeing them move forward. Thank you.
 8 MS. CAUSEY: And then Ms. Scott, did you
 9 have an opportunity to make a comment about this?
 10 MS. SCOTT: Yes, thank you. I actually
 11 had a question. So where does Campfield fall
 12 into all of this?
 13 MR. DIXIT: Campfield's contract was
 14 already approved by the Board, so we are
 15 proceeding with the installation.
 16 MS. SCOTT: And what's the timeline?
 17 MR. DIXIT: We are moving as fast as we
 18 can. Like I said, under these conditions it's
 19 very difficult to say about Campfield, but
 20 Campfield was a situation where I think that the
 21 funding was already there, so we were hoping to

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1 be able to do it come September, but I don't know
 2 how it's going to go with the situation we're
 3 facing.
 4 MS. SCOTT: Certainly, but prior -- I
 5 mean, this situation goes to everything, but
 6 prior to that you were hoping for September,
 7 okay.
 8 MR. DIXIT: Yes, and if we can do it
 9 sooner than that, we will definitely try to do
 10 that.
 11 MS. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.
 12 MS. CAUSEY: And Ms. Rowe, did you have
 13 a question or comment related to the three
 14 contracts?
 15 MS. ROWE: Yes, I do. So these
 16 contracts, my understanding, Mr. Dixit, is that
 17 they're the result of special grant money which
 18 the county matched. So if for whatever reason
 19 were to not approve the contracts, is it correct
 20 that this money cannot be reallocated because it
 21 was grant money, so we either spend it the way

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1 they're offering it or we don't get it at all?
 2 MR. DIXIT: That's my understanding.
 3 MS. ROWE: Okay. And so, I think one of
 4 the things people need to realize is that this
 5 isn't just about, that this is done to prevent
 6 the closure of these non air conditioned schools
 7 and the months of extremely uncomfortable and
 8 unhealthy conditions in which these children are
 9 learning in an inequitable environment while
 10 other children are learning in air conditioning,
 11 and taking tests at the time of the year when
 12 it's the hottest time of the year; is that
 13 correct?
 14 MR. DIXIT: Are you asking me if that's
 15 correct?
 16 MS. ROWE: Yeah, so this prevents
 17 schools from closing on hot days, and prevents
 18 the inequitable school conditions.
 19 MR. DIXIT: Once the project is
 20 completed, you are right.
 21 MS. ROWE: Okay. And so will having

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1 these air conditioning units in these schools and
 2 having all of our schools fully air conditioned
 3 allow us to more easily comply with the
 4 temperature, classroom temperature guidelines of
 5 the IAC school sufficiency standards?
 6 MR. DIXIT: I'm not sure what guidelines
 7 you're talking about.
 8 MS. ROWE: So, the IAC has school
 9 sufficiency standards that they passed a year ago
 10 and they had classroom temperature guidelines
 11 that school systems are supposed to be moving
 12 towards, having classroom temperatures within a
 13 certain acceptable range, and it's my
 14 understanding that these air conditioning units
 15 will allow us to comply with the temperatures
 16 within those rooms more so than not having any
 17 air conditioning at all for the next five to
 18 seven years; is that right?
 19 MR. DIXIT: That is correct, but I just
 20 want to remind you that's guidelines, not
 21 requirements.

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1 MS. ROWE: Yes, I understand. Thank
 2 you, that's it.
 3 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you, Ms. Rowe.
 4 So I will take my turn to comment. I
 5 would just like to thank Dr. Williams and
 6 Mr. Dixit and all of the facilities and
 7 construction teams that worked to apply for this
 8 grant over the summer, and then it was approved
 9 early in the fall by the state. I also want to
 10 acknowledge the governor, the comptroller and the
 11 Board of Public Works and treasurer, Ms. Kopp,
 12 all of whom were pivotal in highlighting the
 13 needs of these children to have equitable
 14 learning environments. I also want to
 15 acknowledge the county executive who after the
 16 IEP awarded these grants to Baltimore County
 17 Public Schools, that the county executive very
 18 quickly allocated the necessary match so that we
 19 could move forward with these projects.
 20 I also want to point out that we had in
 21 August of 2018, I'm sorry, in September, where we

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1 had ten schools closed for the first three days
 2 of school because of excessive heat, so it really
 3 is a matter of equity and providing an excellent
 4 opportunity for each of our children, so thank
 5 you all for that work.

6 Now, are there other board members that
 7 wanted to comment for the second time?

8 MS. PASTEUR: I would.

9 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Ms. Pasteur, I heard
 10 you.

11 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Okay.

13 MS. PASTEUR: I just, I wanted to give a
 14 little gratitude for our babies at Campfield, our
 15 staff and the parents, the communities are
 16 ecstatic. And we did understand that they are
 17 more or less standalone, what, mechanisms, and
 18 that they could be reused, but we're happy for
 19 however long. And also to piggyback on Ms.
 20 Scott's questions about Campfield, just thank
 21 you, thank you, thank you for that, and we're

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1 looking forward to that first new building, and
 2 at some point Middlebrook being put on the list
 3 so our babies who are at Campfield may go to
 4 their home school. Thank you all for everything
 5 that you have been doing.

6 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Board members, any
 7 further questions?

8 MR. MCMILLION: Ms. Causey, this is Rod
 9 McMillion. I'd like to make another comment.

10 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes.

11 MR. MCMILLION: I distinctly remember,
 12 an elementary school from design to finish was
 13 projected for three years, a middle school from
 14 design to finish was four years, and a high
 15 school from design to finish five years. In this
 16 conversation this evening we've talked about five
 17 to seven years, and then I even heard eight to
 18 nine years mentioned. In the best case scenario,
 19 Mr. Dixit, if this money, the construction money
 20 was available, when would, you know, Bedford,
 21 Lansdowne and Dulaney possibly start, in the best

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1 case scenario, when would they break ground for
 2 construction?

3 MR. DIXIT: Okay. Bedford, the design
 4 has already been completed, it is close to
 5 complete and we are waiting for state funding, so
 6 every school is in a different situation. For
 7 Bedford all that we need is two summers of
 8 construction, okay, so that's about 15 to 18
 9 months. We don't have state funding yet and if
 10 it comes after this summer, then you can add two
 11 summers to that and we would open the following
 12 year.

13 Lansdowne is under design, so it's about
 14 five years from now if we get the funding, the
 15 construction funding is available, it's five
 16 years from now.

17 For Dulaney there is no design, there is
 18 nothing there right now to help construction,
 19 there's a little bit of money for preliminary
 20 design, so Dulaney is not, at least for the next
 21 five years Dulaney is not ready, but how long

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1 it's going to be, your guess is as good as mine.
 2 Did I answer your question?

3 MR. MCMILLION: Yes, thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Board members, are
 5 there any other questions or comments before we
 6 vote on these contracts? Hearing no further
 7 discussion, may I have a roll call vote?

8 Oh. Do I have a motion to approve items
 9 G-1 through G-3?

10 MS. GOVER: Lily Rowe and Lisa.

11 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Excuse me. Lily Rowe,
 12 and Lisa Mack, were you the second.

13 MS. MACK: I'll second, Lisa Mack, yes.

14 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Okay.

15 MR. MCMILLION: Mrs. Causey, can we vote
 16 on those separately?

17 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, we may. So
 18 Mr. Dixit, G-1 is Bedford Elementary School.
 19 Ms. Gover, may we have a roll call vote?

20 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?

21 MR. KUEHN: Yes.

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1 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 2 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 3 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 4 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 5 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 6 MR. RESHID: Yes.
 7 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 8 MS. HENN: Yes.
 9 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?
 10 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 11 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose?
 12 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 13 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 14 MR. MCMILLION: No.
 15 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?
 16 MS. MACK: Yes.
 17 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 18 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 19 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 20 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 21 MS. GOVER: In favor, ten.

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1 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. Mr. Dixit,
 2 item G-2 is Dulaney High School?
 3 MR. DIXIT: That's correct.
 4 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Ms. Gover, may we have
 5 a roll call vote?
 6 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?
 7 MR. KUEHN: Yes.
 8 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 9 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 10 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 11 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 12 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 13 MR. RESHID: Yes.
 14 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 15 MS. HENN: Yes.
 16 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?
 17 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 18 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose? Ms. Jose?
 19 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 20 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 21 MR. MCMILLION: Yes.

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1 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?
 2 MS. MACK: Yes.
 3 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 4 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 5 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 6 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 7 MS. GOVER: In favor, 11.
 8 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. And item
 9 G-3, which is Lansdowne High School, may I have a
 10 roll call vote?
 11 MS. GOVER: Mr. Kuehn?
 12 MR. KUEHN: Yes.
 13 MS. GOVER: Ms. Pasteur?
 14 MS. PASTEUR: Yes.
 15 MS. GOVER: Mr. Offerman?
 16 MR. OFFERMAN: Yes.
 17 MS. GOVER: Mr. Reshid?
 18 MR. RESHID: Yes.
 19 MS. GOVER: Ms. Henn?
 20 MS. HENN: Yes.
 21 MS. GOVER: Ms. Causey?

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1 MS. CAUSEY: Yes.
 2 MS. GOVER: Ms. Jose?
 3 MS. JOSE: Yes.
 4 MS. GOVER: Mr. McMillion?
 5 MR. MCMILLION: No.
 6 MS. GOVER: Ms. Mack?
 7 MS. MACK: Yes.
 8 MS. GOVER: Ms. Scott?
 9 MS. SCOTT: Yes.
 10 MS. GOVER: Ms. Rowe?
 11 MS. ROWE: Yes.
 12 MS. GOVER: In favor is ten.
 13 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. And I want
 14 to thank you, Mr. Dixit, and to your team.
 15 MR. DIXIT: Thank you.
 16 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: The next item on the
 17 agenda is information. Attached to BoardDocs is
 18 the Superintendent's Revised Rule 4102, personnel
 19 conduct, sexual harassment; Revised
 20 Superintendent's Rule 5520, student conduct,
 21 student dress code; Revised Superintendent's Rule

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1 5530, student conduct, student use and possession
 2 of tobacco products. Also is the financial
 3 report for the months ending January 2019 and
 4 2020, and there is also an update on key school
 5 legislation.
 6 The final agenda item is announcements.
 7 MS. SCOTT: Excuse me, Kathleen, I'm
 8 sorry. This is Makeda Scott.
 9 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes, Ms. Scott.
 10 MS. SCOTT: Thank you. I had a question
 11 on the student dress code, Rule 5520.
 12 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Yes.
 13 MS. SCOTT: And it was under item C
 14 under the standards where it said head wear, and
 15 I had a question as, it says to head wear except
 16 as worn for medical reasons or as legitimate
 17 expression of a student's religious practice or
 18 faith. I wondered about head wear worn for
 19 cultural reasons, if that was --
 20 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Dr. Williams, do you
 21 have staff available to address that question, or

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1 if not, if we could have that question answered
 2 for the full board at a later date?
 3 DR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Ms. Scott. I
 4 think we can follow up with the staff for a
 5 response to that. Thank you for noticing that.
 6 MS. SCOTT: Okay, and when you say
 7 follow up, is that something that could be added
 8 to this, adjusted, or --
 9 DR. WILLIAMS: I think it can be
 10 adjusted with a look by the appropriate staff.
 11 MS. SCOTT: Okay, thank you.
 12 CHAIRMAN CAUSEY: Thank you. The final
 13 item on the agenda is item I, announcements, and
 14 the only announcement is we are scheduled to have
 15 our next board meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, at
 16 6:30 p.m.
 17 I appreciate all of Dr. Williams and his
 18 team for setting up the remote meeting, and I
 19 appreciate all of the board members and staff
 20 flexibility as we all deal with new situations,
 21 and we wish everyone safety and wellness, and our

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1 meeting is now adjourned.
 2 (Meeting adjourned.)
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND.
 2 BALTIMORE COUNTY: SS
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 4 I, Paul A. Gasparotti, a Notary Public in and
 5 for the State of Maryland, Baltimore County, do
 6 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
 7 accurate transcription of the recording to the
 8 best of my ability.
 9 I further certify that I am not of counsel to
 10 any of the parties nor in any way interested in
 11 the outcome of these proceedings.
 12 As witness, my hand and notarial seal this
 13 27th day of March, 2020.
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 18 Paul A. Gasparotti
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